

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the China Grove Town Council

**Tuesday, August 3rd, 2010
7:00 p.m.**

**China Grove Town Hall
China Grove, North Carolina**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bringle called the meeting of August 3, 2010 to order and welcomed all in attendance to join in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Bringle called roll. All council members were present with the exception of Mr. Linn, there was a quorum. The meeting started at 7:00 pm at the Municipal Building.

Mr. Seaford made a motion to adopt the agenda for the regular meeting of the Town Council on August 3, 2010. Mr. Withers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Upright made a motion to adopt the July 6, 2010 regular meeting minutes. Mr. Seaford seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Upright made a motion to adopt the July 13, 2010 special meeting minutes. Mr. Withers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mayor Bringle recognized Scout Troop 328. He thanked them for being present.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

I) Mr. Pete Kluttz – 908 Railroad Avenue

Mr. Kluttz stated that there are two men on brush trucks riding around only part of the town. He stated that there are limbs that are not being picked up. He stated that he would like to know why brush is being left 3-6 weeks at homes.

Mayor Bringle stated that there was one brush truck that was broken down and since has been repaired. He also stated that there was one less staff member. He stated that there are areas that the Town is aware of and he isn't sure of the corrective action being taken.

Mr. Pless stated that if there is a pile that is left for longer than a reasonable amount of time, there has probably been a policy violation. He stated that he has discussed this with Mr. Kluttz. He also stated that the rules are explained to the homeowner and they are given time to comply. He stated most compliance issues are taken care of within thirty days.

Mr. Kluttz stated that the Town cleaned up Main Street; however, the back streets get left behind. He stated that the vendors have to travel the back streets and thinks they need to be treated the same. He stated that this Town has a problem and the Town Board Members should be able to see it.

Mayor Bringle thanked Mr. Kluttz for his comments.

II) Mr. Tim Parker – 15 Walnut Street

Mr. Parker stated that he thinks it is ridiculous that you have to call in to have a pickup. He also stated that the mill hill development's speed limit is too fast. He stated that he would like to see something done about that.

Mayor Bringle asked Mr. Pless to speak with the chief of police to look at the situation along the mill hill area. He asked Mr. Pless to follow up with the board and to be sure that the speed limit is posted.

Mr. Parker wanted to clarify that he is concerned with the speed limit.

III) Mr. Corey Rolla – 503 Shue Road

Mr. Rolla thanked the Council for allowing him to speak. He stated that he has tried to do his part to save water and only uses about 1500 gallons a month. He stated that now that they are charging with a minimum of 2000 gallons, he has an issue. He stated that there are other people living within his building that have the same concern. He stated that he doesn't see the reason in charging him for something that he is not using. He stated that he understands the need to balance the budget, but doesn't believe that it is fair. He stated that he is unemployed and paying bills is rough. He stated that one person has already moved out of the building and is planning to look elsewhere.

Mayor Bringle stated that the Council went through a budget planning process. He stated that they held several open meetings where this was discussed. He stated that this is not a favorable situation but they had to make adjustments where necessary. He stated that they continue to look for other sources for water supply. He stated that they are not making money off the water and sewer service.

Mr. Upright stated that they are hoping to improve and completely understands because his bill was 550 gallons.

Mayor Bringle stated that this was the structure several years ago and unfortunately they had to go back to the minimum of 2,000.

Mr. Rolla asked why certain vehicles are targeted for being pulled over. He stated that he has been pulled over three times in the last eight months. He stated that he is being targeted and has done nothing wrong.

Mayor Bringle stated that he can not answer that question being that the chief of police is not present. He asked Mr. Rolla to contact the chief to set up an appointment.

IV) Mr. Ken Linder – 805 Old Concord Road (Owner of Cartworks)

Mr. Linder stated that they did provide a couple carts for the Town to use for Farmers Day. He stated that he is grateful to be in China Grove. He stated that they would like to offer their business to the use of those that may need their services if the use of low-speed vehicles is allowed.

PUBLIC HEARING

I) Low-Speed Vehicle Ordinance

Mayor Bringle stated that there was a committee that was formed to work with the Town Attorney and it a final draft has been submitted.

Mr. Brooke stated that he did some reformatting of the document. He stated that he tried to adopt the same lettering and numbering as the current code. He stated that he implemented a right to appeal to those who had their privilege revoked.

Mayor Bringle opened the Public Hearing for comments.

There were no comments.

Mayor Bringle closed the Public Hearing.

NEW BUSINESS

I) Motion to adopt the LSV Ordinance

Mr. Upright made a motion to adopt the Low Speed Vehicle Ordinance. Mr. Seaford seconded the motion. Mr. Overcash asked if this will affect the police department and their need to work with checking permits and operation of the carts. Mr. Pless stated that it was the consensus of the group that there would not be an overwhelming amount of people to register their vehicles. He stated that Chief Kluttz felt comfortable at this point and didn't feel they would need additional staff. Mayor Bringle stated that the person must show proof of liability insurance to register their

vehicles. He stated that the decal placed on the side of the vehicle will allow them to be easily enforced. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Bringle addressed the issue with the brush piles. He stated that there are people who had started a small pile but now that they are behind, the piles have grown larger. He asked Mr. Ketner to be mindful of this when addressing the piles. He stated that the ordinances must be followed. He stated that if a company is hired to remove limbs, the Town is not required to remove the brush. He stated that the Town makes available a truck to be loaded at their own convenience. He stated that he believes that the staff has worked well to make the best of the situation.

Mr. Ketner stated that they would be full staffed on August 5, 2010.

Mayor Bringle thanked the employees and Board of Trade for a successful Farmers Day. He thanked them for the cleanup on the streets. He thanked Mr. Withers as well. He stated that "Singing in the Park" on the Friday before went well too. He thanked them all for a job well done.

Mayor Bringle stated that they started a new event, "Movie in the Park". He stated that they showed "Alice in Wonderland" that was sponsored by JCB Entertainment. He stated that they will be showing movies every other Saturday of the month.

Mr. Withers stated that there was a good turnout for the first event of "Movie in the Park". He thanked the Town staff for their work on Farmers Day. He also thanked the community for supporting the event.

Mr. Withers stated that there is a need to review the policies for the Town.

Mayor Bringle asked that this be addressed on the next meeting agenda and asked Mr. Pless to prepare an outline for what they are trying to establish to possibly form a committee for that.

Mayor Bringle thanked the Scouts again and encouraged them to all become Eagle Scouts.

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Withers made a motion to go into Closed Session for personnel matters. . Mr. Seaford seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

There was no action taken.

Mr. made a motion to come out of Closed Session. Mr. seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

Mr. Overcash made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Upright seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda A. Eller, Town Clerk

Donald E. Bringle, Mayor